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PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, It is perfectly consistent with the dictates of prudence, and the principles of religion, that men liable to be overtaken, at any time, by disease, or some of the accidents of life, and certain of being sooner or later forced to obey the summons of death, should make *even* temporal provisions for these events : *Therefore*, we, the subscribers, being all residents of the Province of Nova Scotia, in order to raise a common fund for this purpose, for the mutual advantage of ourselves and of those who may choose to associate themselves with us, under our Constitution : and, also, in order to make a strong and united effort against the soul-destroying vice of intemperance, do agree to enter into an *Association*, and to be governed by the following Articles, to wit :

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

The name, style and title of this *Corporation*, and of the Association over which it shall preside, shall be THE HALIFAX CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE AND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II.

The Association shall be governed by a Board of twelve Managers, who shall be all resident citizens of the city of Halifax, and of lawful age—they shall be elected annually by the Association, on the 2nd of February, being the festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and shall hold office for the term of twelve calendar months.

ARTICLE III.

No person shall be capable of being re-elected to the Board, until he shall have been one year out of office, except the officers of the Board hereinafter enumerated, who shall be re-eligible during their continuance in office.

ARTICLE IV.

All vacancies in the Board of Managers, happening by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be supplied for the unexpired term by the Association, at such time and after such manner as the By-Laws shall direct.

ARTICLE V.

The officers of the Board shall be a President, a first and second Vice President, a Secretary, and an Assistant Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by the Association, at such time and after such manner as the By-Laws shall direct, and members of the Board shall be re-eligible to these offices during good conduct.

ARTICLE VI.

The other officers of the Association shall be the Stewards, and a Messenger, who shall be elected at such time, after such manner and for such periods respectively, as the By-Laws shall ordain. The Board, however, shall have the power of authorising the election of any number of Stewards they shall deem necessary.

ARTICLE VII.

The duties of the officers of the Association shall be such as may be prescribed by the By-Laws. And to the Secretary and his Assistant, as also to the Stewards and the Messenger, such compensation for their services shall be allowed as the By-Laws may direct.

ARTICLE VIII.

A majority of the Board, with the President or one of the Vice Presidents, shall be a quorum, and competent to transact any business of the Board.

ARTICLE IX.

The Board of Managers of this Association shall be, and become a corporation, or body politic, in law and in fact, to have continuance by the corporate name aforesaid, and shall have full power and authority to make, have and use, one common seal, with such device and inscription as they shall

judge proper, and the same to break, alter and renew, at their pleasure ; and by the corporate name aforesaid, shall be capable in law, to sue and be sued, plead and to be impleaded, in any court or courts, before any judge or judges, justice or justices, in all manner of suits, complaints, pleas, causes, matters and demands whatsoever, and all and every matter or thing therein to do, in as full and effectual a manner, as any other person or persons, bodies politic and corporate, within this Province may or can do, and shall be authorized and empowered to make rules, By-Laws and Ordinances, and to do everything needful for the good government and support of the affairs of the said corporation ; *Provided always*, that the said by-laws, rules and ordinances, or any of them, be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the Province of Nova Scotia, or to the present *Instrument*; *And, Provided*, that the said by-laws, rules and ordinances, shall not take effect until they shall have been proposed at a stated or other meeting of the Association, and shall have received the approbation of two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE X.

This Board and their successors being citizens of this Province by the corporate name, style and title aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law, according to the terms and conditions of this *Instrument*, to take, receive, and hold all manner of lands, tenements, rents, annuities, franchises, and hereditaments, and any sum and sums of money, and any manner and portion of goods and chattels, given and bequeathed unto them, to be employed and disposed of according to the objects, articles and conditions of this *Instrument*, the articles and by-laws of this corporation, and the will and intention of the donors : *Provided*, that

the clear yearly income of this Board shall never exceed two thousand dollars.

ARTICLE XI.

Persons under fifty-five years of age may be admitted members of the Association, provided they be of good moral standing, having previously taken the Total Abstinence Pledge, and are not members of any other Benevolent Temperance, or Total Abstinence Society ; or of any *Secret Society* ; or of any Society using secret signs or pass words, and they shall be elected to membership in such manner, and subject to such regulations, as the by-laws may prescribe.

ARTICLE XII.

The members of this Association shall pay such *initiation fee*, and such monthly and other contributions, as the by-laws may prescribe.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Board of Managers shall hold stated meetings at least once in every month, and special meetings shall be called by the President, whenever he shall deem it necessary, or whenever seven members of the Board shall request the same. All meetings shall be held at such time (when not specially called) at such place and after such manner as the by-laws shall direct. The members of the Association shall assist at the monthly meeting of the Board, to pay in their monthly and other contributions and dues, unless provided otherwise.

ARTICLE XIV.

Special meetings of the Association, or Society, shall be called by the President whenever he shall deem it necessary, or whenever twelve members of the Association shall request the same. Twenty members of the Association, with the President or

one of the Vice Presidents, shall be a quorum, and competent to transact any business of the *Association*, DISTINCT from that of the *Board*.

ARTICLE XV.

The funds of the Association shall be applied to the relief of its members in sickness, and to their interment after death, and to the relief of their widows and orphans, and to such other purposes *and after such manner*, as shall be prescribed by the by-laws.

ARTICLE XVI.

This Constitution cannot be altered or amended, but by the decision of two-thirds of the members of this *Association*, in meeting assembled for this purpose, and in the manner provided by the laws of this Province.

ARTICLE XVII.

This *Association* shall not be dissolved whilst there are twenty-four members willing to continue it.

BY-LAWS.

MEETINGS AND THE ORDER TO BE OBSERVED AT SAME.

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. The *Board* of Managers shall *meet* agreeably to the 13th Article of the Constitution, (on the *last* Sunday of every month) within the chartered limits of the city of Halifax, at such time and place as they may from time to time decide, for the purpose of transacting the business of the Society, over which they preside.

SEC. 2. Every meeting of the *Board* or *Society*, small or large, unless otherwise specified, shall be understood to be called for the hour appointed at the previous meeting.

SEC. 3. Fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, whether it be a meeting of the *Board* or *Society* at large, the President shall take the chair and call the meeting to order. In case of the absence of the President, the first Vice President, if present, or, if not, the second Vice President, shall preside at the meeting. In the event of the absence of all these officers, the members of the Board who may be present, shall elect *viva voce* one of their number President *pro tem*. The same course shall be pursued in the event of the absence of the Secretary, or any other officers, if thought necessary.

SEC. 4. At the usual monthly meeting of the *Board* and *Society* at large, before they proceed to

any other business, the *roll* shall be called, and every member, either of the *Board* or *Society*, who does not answer to his name, or remit his dues, fines and other demands, for which he may stand indebted to the Society—shall be fined. Nothing less than the full amount of the fines and dues against a member, shall exonerate him.

SEC. 5. Before the Board proceed to the transaction of any further business, the roll of the Board shall be called, when each person present shall answer to his name, and if a quorum be present, they shall proceed to business in the order following, viz. :

1. The minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read, and submitted to the Board for approbation.

2. The Committee of Investigation shall report in writing; the Board, however, at the option of the President, to take no action upon any part of such report as is adverse to the petition of applicants for membership, until immediately previous to the close of the meeting, when none but the members of the Board shall be permitted to be present.

3. Reception of new members.

4. Application for membership.

5. Stewards to report in writing. The action of the Board on said report to be subject to the decision of the President, as in the case of the Investigating Committee above mentioned.

6. Other committees to report in writing.

7. Treasurer to report in writing.

8. Deferred business to be taken up in order in which it is recorded.

9. New business.

10. Previous to the adjournment of the Board, the report of the Investigating Committee shall be again submitted to the Board, in case any part of

said report has not been already acted upon, as directed in No. 2, of this section.

11. The report of Stewards to be disposed of in like manner, should it have been thought advisable to defer the consideration of any part of it, as directed in No. 3, of this section.

SEC. 6. The members of the Society, in general, may assist at the proceedings of the Board, up to the time of adjournment, should they desire it, unless otherwise notified by the President. No individual, however, not actually a member of the Board, will be permitted to speak or take any part in its proceedings, unless said individual be called upon by the Board, to make any communication, report, &c., as in the case of Stewards, Committees, &c.

SEC. 7. All motions in order before the *Board* shall be determined *viva voce*; any member, however, may call for a division, in the event of which every member present shall be required to vote. All motions in order before a meeting of the *Society at large*, shall be determined in like manner; and in case a division be called for, every member present shall be required to vote. In case of an equal division, the President shall have the casting vote.

SEC. 8. When a question, resolution or motion is pending, no other motion shall be admitted, unless to postpone, divide or amend.

SEC. 9. A motion to adjourn shall be always in order, after the regular business shall have been disposed of.

SEC. 10. A motion to reconsider a vote, may be made by any member who voted in the majority, provided such motion be made not more than one month after taking such vote.

SEC. 11. Besides the annual general meeting of the *Society at large*, in February, as directed by the second article of the Constitution, special

meetings may be called from time to time, according to the 13th article of the same Constitution. Minutes of all such meetings shall be entered upon the minute book of the *Board*, and shall be read for approbation at the next meeting, whether it be of the *Board* or the *Society at large*.

SEC. 12. Meetings of the *Board* and of the *Society at large*, shall be distinguished in the minute book, and in public notices, as follows : Those of the *Board* to be termed "*Meetings of the Board of Managers of the Halifax Catholic Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society*." Those of the *Society at large*, to be termed "*Meetings of the Halifax Catholic Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society*."

ARTICLE II.

Of the President.

SEC. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the *Board*, or *Society at large* ; preserve order therein ; and put all motions to vote when seconded in order.

SEC. 2. He shall sign all orders on the Treasurer, for appropriations made by the *Board*, or for monies demanded by the Stewards for sick or deceased members, and others entitled to benefits ; and he shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to his office, or which may hereafter be prescribed by the by-laws of the *Society*, or resolutions of the *Board*.

SEC. 3. He shall keep one of the keys of the property chest, and shall produce the same in sufficient time for the opening thereof, at any stated or other meeting.

SEC. 4. He shall neither make nor second any motion while in the chair, nor give any vote, unless in the event of an equal division of votes, in which he shall have the casting vote. When he

intends taking any part in a debate, he shall, previous to his addressing the meeting, leave the chair, and call one of the Vice Presidents or other person to preside.

SEC. 5. He shall subscribe all public acts of the Society, and have power to call extra meetings, whenever he may deem the same necessary; or when requested to do so by the Board, or members of the Society, in writing.

ARTICLE III.

Of the Vice Presidents.

SEC. 1. The first Vice President, in the absence of the President, or in the event of his vacating the chair, shall perform all his duties for the time being, whether at meetings or otherwise, and shall be governed by the rules laid down in the various sections of Article 2, of the by-laws.

SEC. 2. In the event of the absence of the first Vice President, the foregoing section of this Article shall apply to the second Vice President.

ARTICLE IV.

Of the Secretary.

SEC. 1. The Secretary shall call the roll at every meeting of the Board, or Society at large, and note every absentee.

SEC. 2. He shall state the amount of dues, fines, &c., of each member, and shall see the same paid in.

SEC. 3. He shall keep accurate minutes of each meeting of the Board, or Society at large, and read the same at the next meeting, whether it be of the Society or Board.

SEC. 4. He shall attest all orders on the Treasurer, drawn by the President, provided the same be in conformity with the Constitution and By-Laws.

SEC. 5. He shall provide himself and the Society,

with such books and stationery as may be needed for the transaction of business.

SEC. 6. He shall assist at the examination of all books of accounts belonging to the Society ; and he shall have his own books ready for inspection annually, at the stated meeting of the Board in February, and at all other times that the Board may require it.

SEC. 7. He shall sue, or cause to be sued, all persons indebted to the Society, when directed by the Board to do so. In the event of any such suit, he shall be indemnified for any expenses he may have incurred, provided his proceedings shall have been legal ; and in case of his neglect or refusal to sue, he shall be responsible for the loss sustained by the Society, in consequence of such refusal or neglect. He shall also attend all suits instituted against the Society.

SEC. 8. He shall endorse all applications for benefits, whether for sick or deceased members, with the words "entitled to benefits," or "not entitled to benefits," as the case may be, and give the same to the Stewards, and such endorsement shall be received by the President and Treasurer as his attestation.

SEC. 9. All by-laws and regulations hereafter adopted by the Society, he shall register in the book of the Constitution and By-Laws, at the time of their adoption, or before the next meeting of the Board, immediately following the adoption of said regulations and by-laws.

SEC. 10. He shall fill all notices for members within three miles of the Province Building, in the city of Halifax, and deliver them to the messenger in a reasonable time. (The Board shall decide whether the time allowed was reasonable or not, in case any difficulty occurs between the Secretary and the messenger.)

SEC. 11. He shall keep one of the keys of the property chest, and shall be ready to produce the same at the beginning of every meeting of the Society or Board.

SEC. 12. He shall perform all other duties that may be required of him from time to time, by the by-laws of the Society, or resolutions of the Board.

SEC. 13. Should he be unavoidably detained from any meeting, he shall send his books and papers to the place of meeting, in due time for the organization of the same.

SEC. 14. As a compensation for his services, he shall receive two dollars per month, and be exonerated from monthly dues.

SEC. 15. On retiring from office, he shall hand over to his successor all books, papers and other documents belonging to the Society, that may be in his possession.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Assistant Secretary.

SEC. 1. The duty of the Assistant Secretary, shall be to assist the Secretary at every meeting of the Society or Board, in such a manner as the Board may direct; and in the event of the absence of the Secretary, he shall occupy his place and perform his duties.

SEC. 2. For his services he shall receive fifty cents per month, and shall be exempted from paying monthly dues; and whensoever he shall have performed the duties of Secretary at any meeting in consequence of his absence, he shall be entitled to an amount equal to the fine imposed on the Secretary, for non-attendance.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Treasurer.

SEC. 1. The duty of the Treasurer shall be to receive and pay out all monies for the Society,

and to keep a correct account of the same. He shall pay no money, however, on account of the Society, unless by an order from the President, countersigned or attested by the Secretary.

SEC. 2. He shall, with the depositing committee, deposit all monies belonging to the Society, in such manner and under such regulations as the Board may from time to time direct; reserving, however, in his own hands the sum of \$200, to meet occasional demands, which may be made upon him.

SEC. 3. For the true and faithful performance of all and each of the duties imposed on him by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, or resolutions of the Board, the said Treasurer shall give bond with one or more sufficient securities, in any sum the Board may think proper from time to time to require.

SEC. 4. He shall report in writing, at each stated meeting of the Board, the amount of money received, and the amount paid out by him during the preceding month, and the balance then in his hands.

SEC. 5. He shall attend with the Secretary, all suits instituted by or against the Society.

SEC. 6. He shall have his books ready for inspection in the month of August annually, and at all other times that the Board may require it.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Stewards.

SEC. 1. The duty of the Stewards is to visit the sick, and otherwise disabled members of the Society, and to disburse to them the weekly allowance to which they may be entitled, according to the by-laws of the Society; and to perform such other duties as may be required by the regulations of the Society, or resolutions of the Board. They shall

not, however, be required to visit any sick members, whose residence is more than two miles from their own homes, or who may be afflicted with any contagious disease, or who may happen to be residing in a house where such disease prevails or exists.

SEC. 2. Stewards shall be appointed to visit the sick members of the Society, and they shall be elected in the manner prescribed in the 19th article of the By-laws, and for their services, shall each be exempted from monthly dues, while in office.

SEC. 3. When the Stewards shall have received due notice of any member of the Society being sick or disabled, they shall visit such member within twenty-four hours after having been notified; and should they deem the individual deserving of the benefits of the Society, they shall continue their visits at least twice a week, and pay to him weekly the amount to which he may be entitled, according to the fourth section of the eleventh Article of the By-Laws.

SEC. 4. The Stewards shall be authorised and it shall be their duty, to examine thoroughly every application for the benefits of the Society, on account of sickness, &c., and whenever any case appears doubtful, they shall call in a physician of standing, to investigate it, whose decision shall be final: provided, however, that the applicant in each case, shall have the right of appeal to the Board of Managers.

SEC. 5. Whenever an application is made to the Stewards, for the funeral benefit on account of some deceased member of the Society, said application being duly attested by the Secretary, who shall also, in every instance, specify the amount to be paid according to the fifth and sixth sections of Article eleven, of these By-Laws, they shall

present it to the President, who will draw out upon the same application, an order on the Treasurer for the specified amount, which they shall pay to the legal representative of the deceased member, taking a receipt for the same.

SEC. 6. At every stated meeting of the Board, the Stewards shall report in writing, all the business transacted by them during the previous month. Upon their report, they shall enter the names of members to whom, on account of sickness, &c., the weekly allowance may have been paid, specifying the entire amount paid to each individual, as also the names of deceased members, if any, on whose account they may have paid the funeral allowance, the amount also in each instance to be specified.

ARTICLE VIII.

Of the Messenger.

SEC. 1. The duties of the Messenger shall be, to prepare the room for all meetings of the Board, or Society, and to attend to the door during the same. He shall assist in keeping order; and should any member of the Society be guilty of any impropriety or misconduct during the meeting, he shall give notice of the same to the President.

He shall not admit to any meeting of the Society or Board, any person who is not a member of the Society, without a special permission from the President. Whenever the Secretary furnishes him with notices, directed to members of the Society or Board, residing within the circumference of three miles from the Province Building, it shall be his duty to serve the same in due time; and he shall perform such other duties as the Board may require of him, from time to time; and for his services he shall be allowed fifty cents per month, and shall be exempt from monthly dues. He shall also receive four cents for every notice he shall serve on any member, by the direction of the Secretary.

ARTICLE IX.

Of Committees.

SEC. 1. *Investigating Committee.*—At each stated meeting of the Board, the Secretary shall detail from the roll of the members of the Society, the names of three members (the officers of the Board to be always excepted) who shall serve as an Investigating Committee for one month, and he shall duly notify of their appointment the persons selected for this committee. The duty of this committee shall be, when directed by the Board so to do, to enquire into the character, standing, &c., of applicants for membership. The Secretary shall furnish the committee with the petitions of those whose cases are to be examined into. With each of the applicants, who may be deemed worthy of being admitted into the Society, the committee shall leave a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws and notify each one of the time and place of the next stated meeting of the Board, at which meeting the committee shall also furnish its own report in writing.

SEC. 2. *Depositing Committee.*—A committee shall be appointed by the Board, annually, at the stated meeting in February, to be called the Depositing Committee, whose duty it shall be, in company with the Treasurer, to deposit from time to time in bank, or other place, as may be directed by the Board, all monies of the Society over and above the sum of two hundred dollars, allowed to be retained in the Treasurer's hands for contingent expenses, according to section 2, of Article six, of these By-Laws. When such deposit shall have reached the sum of two hundred dollars, it shall be the duty of the Depositing Committee, under the directions of the Board, to invest the same in some safe and profitable manner, for the benefit of the Society.

SEC. 3. *Auditing Committee.*—At a stated meeting in March annually, the Board shall appoint three of its members, the officers excepted, to be called an Auditing Committee, whose duty it shall be, to examine and settle the Treasurer's books and accounts, and all other books and accounts of the Society. They shall present their report in writing to the Board, at the ensuing stated meeting in April.

SEC. 4. Every committee to transact business for the Board or Society, (except the Investigating Committee) shall be appointed in the following manner, viz.: The President shall name the first member of the committee; the person so named, shall name a second; and he, in his turn shall name a third, (if the committee is to consist of more than two) and so on, until the number of the committee is made up. In the event of any member of any such committee neglecting or refusing to serve, after having been duly appointed, the majority shall have full power to perform the business for which they were appointed, and they shall report at the next meeting, when they may be discharged, or the vacancy filled and the committee continued, as may be thought necessary.

ARTICLE X.

Admission and Resignation of Members.

SEC. 1. Candidates for admission, must be proposed at least one month previous to their election. For this purpose, in every instance, a written application shall be presented to the Board, setting forth the name, age, residence and occupation of said applicant, and signed by two or more members of the Society. Every such application shall be placed in the hands of one or other of the Investigating Committees, according to section one of Article 9, of these By-Laws.

SEC. 2. Those candidates, on whose application a favorable report shall have been made by the In-

investigating Committee, shall be called by the President by name. He shall thus address and interrogate them. "It is my duty to ask each and all of you the following questions; it is expected that you will declare the truth, for should you not, and it be hereafter discovered that you had imposed on the Society, you will be declared at once expelled, and you will forfeit all claims on the Society. Have each of you taken the pledge of the Halifax Catholic Total Abstinence and Benevolent Society?"

"Is either of you a member of any secret Society whatsoever—or any Society using secret signs, or pass words? Is any of you a member of any other Total Abstinence Benevolent Society?" These questions having been satisfactorily answered, the applicants shall withdraw a while, and the Board will go into an election *viva voce*, and if two thirds of the members present vote in favor of their admission, they shall be declared members of the Society, having first signed the Constitution and paid the initiation fee, according to section two, of article 11, of these By-Laws.

SEC. 3. Any member of the Society intending to withdraw from the same, shall send in a written notice of such intention to the Board of Managers, from the date of the reception of which notice, such individual shall be considered as having ceased to be a member of the Society; provided, however, that the Board shall have the right and authority to require, if they think proper, the payment of all arrearages, &c.

ARTICLE XI.

Of the Funds.—Whence derived and how to be applied.

SEC. 1. The funds of this Society shall not be used for any other purpose, than for the support and benefit of its sick members, who may be entitled thereto, according to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Society, and for their interment

after death according to the same Constitution and By-Laws, and for the temporary relief of the widow and orphans of deceased members, if any—of their wants, and of the mode and manner of relieving them, the Board of Managers shall judge, and so order as they may deem proper—and also for the payment of all contingent expenses incurred by the Board or Society at large, in the transaction of business, viz.: room rent, officers' fees, books, stationary, &c. All bills against the Society shall be first approved by the Board, before they are paid.

SEC. 2. *Initiation Fee.*—Every person who may be elected a member of this Society, shall pay into the funds of the Society, at the time of his entering into the same, an initiation fee of two dollars.

SEC. 3. *Monthly Contribution.*—Besides the initiation fee above specified, every member of the Society shall pay a monthly contribution of twenty-five cents, making the sum total of three dollars to be paid annually into the funds by every member.

SEC. 4. *Allowance in case of Sickness.*—Whenever a member of the Society is taken sick, or has become disabled by an accident to his person, so as to be prevented from attending to his usual or other occupations, whereby to gain a livelihood, a weekly allowance of *three dollars* shall be made to such members as long as such sickness or disability shall continue; provided, always, that such member shall have been one year in full membership with the Society, and shall have kept faithfully the total abstinence pledge, and that his sickness or other disability, shall not have been the result of any immoral conduct, and that such member shall not be in arrears to the Society for three months. Provided, also, that whatever arrearages may be due, shall be detained by the Stewards from the first week's benefits. Members of this Society requiring assistance in consequence of sickness,

&c., shall make a written application directed to the Secretary, for the Stewards of the Society, being always careful to give as exactly as possible, their respective places of residence.

SEC. 5. *Funeral Allowance.*—In the event of the death of a member at any time previous to the expiration of his first year's membership, the Stewards shall pay to the family or legal representative of the deceased, the sum of twenty dollars towards defraying the funeral expenses: Provided, always, that the death of said member shall not have been the consequence of any immoral or criminal conduct on his part, and that no arrears be standing against him. Should it be found on examination, that arrears for any period less than six months, are standing against the said deceased, the amount of the same shall be deducted from the aforesaid twenty dollars, and the balance paid into the hands of the proper person, as directed above. But should the deceased have been in arrears for the period of six months, or upwards, no claim shall be had on the Society for funeral money.

SEC. 6. *Funeral Allowance.*—In like manner in the event of the death of a member, at any time after the expiration of first year's membership, the Stewards shall pay to the family, or legal representative of the deceased, the sum of thirty dollars towards defraying the funeral expenses: Provided, always, as in the foregoing section, that the death of said deceased shall not have been the consequence of any immoral or criminal conduct on his part, and that no arrears be standing against him. Should there, however, be any arrears for a period less than six months standing against said deceased, the amount of the same shall be deducted from the aforesaid sum of thirty dollars, and the balance paid into the hands of the proper person as directed above. But should the deceased have been in arrears for a period of six months or upwards, no

claim shall be had on the Society for funeral money.

SEC. 7. In order to replace in the funds of the Society, the various amounts that may be drawn therefrom, from time to time for funeral money, in conformity with the two preceding sections, for every thirty dollars so drawn, the sum of twenty-five cents shall be levied upon every member of the Society.

SEC. 8. *Payment of Officers' Fees.*—The Secretary shall be paid his salary after the expiration of his term of office, at the stated meeting of the Board in March, his books having been previously audited, and all losses sustained by the Society, through him, for the preceding year, if any, having been deducted therefrom. In like manner, the Assistant Secretary and the Messenger, shall also be paid their respective salaries only after their term of office, at the stated meeting of the Board in March, all losses sustained by the Society through them, if any, having been first deducted therefrom. Should the losses thus sustained by the Society, through either of the above mentioned officers, be found to be greater than the amount of his salary, he shall make good the deficiency at or before the ensuing meeting of the Board: or in default thereof, he shall be expelled from the Board, should he be a member thereof, or be subjected to such other penalty as may be imposed on him by a vote of two-thirds of the Board.

ARTICLE XII.

Members travelling or residing out of the city.

SEC. 1. Any member intending to leave the city, having paid all arrears, if any, shall receive, on application to the Secretary, a travelling certificate, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary; such certificate shall ensure for the holder thereof, the benefits of the Society, so that in case

of sickness, or other corporal disability, the same benefits shall be received as directed by section 3, of Article 11, of these By-Laws: provided that a formal application for the same, duly attested by the resident Priest, by a respectable Physician, or a Justice of the Peace, be forwarded to the President of the Society, by the holder of the certificate; and provided, also, that said member shall not be six months in arrears.

ARTICLE XIII.

Of the Collectors.

SEC. 1. The Board of Managers shall appoint from their body, two persons to be called Collectors, who shall serve for such length of time, as the Board may from time to time determine; and whose duty it shall be to aid the Secretary and his Assistant, in receiving the dues, &c., of the members, at such time and place, as may from time to time be appointed for this purpose.

ARTICLE XIV.

On Fines.

SEC. 1. For neglecting to attend any meeting of the Society or Board, or to perform any other duty enjoined on them respectively by the Constitution or By-Laws of the Society, or resolutions of the Board, the President and each of the Vice Presidents shall pay a fine of 50 cents.

SEC. 2. For neglecting to attend any meeting of the Society or Board, or to perform any other duty that may be enjoined on him by the Constitution or By-Laws of the Society, or resolutions of the Board, the Secretary shall pay a fine of \$1; and in case any loss be sustained by the Society through his fault, or neglect of duty, he shall be held responsible for the same, as directed in section 8, Art. XI, of these By-Laws. Should he refuse or neglect to deliver to his successor in office, when

required so to do, the books, papers, documents, &c., of the Society, that may be in his possession, he shall pay a fine of \$20 00.

SEC. 3. For neglecting, &c, as above stated, the Assistant Secretary shall pay a fine of fifty cents; and for losses, &c., as above stated, he shall be held responsible, as directed in Sec. 8, Art. XI, of these By-Laws.

SEC. 4. For neglecting as above stated, the Treasurer shall pay a fine of 50 cents; and for neglecting to deliver to his successor in office, when required so to do, the monies, books, papers, and other property of the Society that may be in his possession, he shall pay, at the option of the Board, a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SEC. 5. The Stewards shall each pay a fine of 50 cts for each and every neglect of any of the several duties enjoined on them by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Society, or resolutions of the Board.

SEC. 6. If any member of the Board other than the officers of the Board specified in the foregoing sections, after having received a special notice thereof, shall neglect to attend any meeting of the Society or Board, he shall pay a fine of 50 cents.

SEC. 7. For neglecting to attend any meeting of the Society or Board, the Messenger shall pay a fine of 50 cents; and for refusing or neglecting to serve any notice that may be handed him by the Secretary, or to perform any other duty that may be enjoined on him by the By-Laws of the Society, or resolutions of the Board, he shall pay a fine of 25 cents; and for any losses that may be sustained by the Society through him, he shall be held responsible, as directed in Sec. 8, Art. XI, of these By-Laws.

SEC. 8. If any member of the Society shall refuse to serve in any office, or on any committee, after having been appointed thereto, or shall neglect or refuse to perform any of the duties of

such committee, such member shall pay a fine of 25 cents: Provided, always, that no member shall be compelled to serve in two offices, or on two committees, at one and the same time: and Provided, also, that no member shall be re-appointed immediately to any office or committee, contrary to his will, after having served one term.

SEC. 9. Every member neglecting to pay the monthly contribution, or other fines, dues, and just demands of the Society—or, if absent from the monthly meeting at the time the roll is called, shall pay a fine of 25 cents.

SEC. 10. If, at any meeting of the Society, or Board, any member of the Society or Board shall refuse to come to order, when requested by the presiding officer so to do, the member so offending shall, in every instance, pay a fine of 25 cents.

SEC. 11. Any member that shall reproach another for having received any of the benefits of the Society, or the amount of any just claims from the same, shall pay a fine not less than 10 cents, nor exceeding \$1 00.

SEC. 12. Any member who may have changed his place of residence, and shall not have given due notice thereof in writing to the Secretary, at or before the stated meeting next ensuing such change, shall pay a fine of 10 cents.

SEC. 13. Any member of the Board or Society at large, who shall introduce any subject for discussion unconnected with the objects of the Society, at any meeting, shall be fined one dollar for the first offence, two dollars for the second, and for a third offence of the same kind, shall be expelled.

SEC. 14. Any member leaving the room without the consent of the President previous to adjournment, shall be fined 25 cents.

SEC. 15. Any member who shall fail to attend a special meeting called by the President, shall be fined one dollar.

SEC. 16. Any member who shall fail to attend the funeral of a deceased member, shall be fined one dollar.

SEC. 17. In procession, the Marshals are bound to keep order; and any Marshal neglecting to report at the next stated meeting, the disorderly conduct of any member whilst in procession, shall be fined one dollar—said report to contain a statement of the case, signed by the Marshals.

SEC. 18. These fines shall be assessed by the Secretary, and shall not be remitted, unless in cases of non-attendance at meetings, for which fines are to be imposed according to former sections of this Article, satisfactory proof being given to the Board, that the non-attendance was caused by sickness or absence from the city, and not neglect.

ARTICLE XV.

Expulsion of Members.

SEC. 1. All charges against members of the Society for any species of immoral conduct, or of disobedience to the rules and ordinances of this Society, at meetings or otherwise, or for a violation of the Total Abstinence Pledge, shall be made in writing, and handed to the President of the Board, by whom they shall be submitted to the consideration of the Board in private session. Before taking action on every such case, the Secretary shall, by direction of the Board, summon the accused to appear before the Board at such time and place as they may appoint, to answer the charges made against said member. Should the accused refuse to attend when summoned, or should the charges made against him be fully sustained, the Board shall take such action in the case, as, after mature deliberation, they may deem most advisable; and, should it be found necessary to expel the accused from the Society, the name of the same shall be stricken from the rolls.

SEC. 2. If any person shall be found to have been guilty of any species of deception whatsoever, whereby, in defiance of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Society, said person may have caused his name to be entered on the Books of this Society as a member thereof, the title to membership of said individual shall be, and shall be declared to have been, null and void from the date of the enrollment of his name on the books of the Society; and all monies paid to the Society on account of said individual's supposed membership, shall be forfeited thereto. In like manner, if any member of the Society shall join any secret society whatsoever, or any society using secret signs or pass-words, he shall become, and shall be, *ipso facto*, expelled from the Society, and shall forfeit all claims upon the same.

SEC. 3. Should any member be found guilty of practising any deception, whereby to obtain benefits from the Society—for instance, by feigning sickness, &c., the member so offending shall be expelled from the Society.

SEC. 4. If any member shall have neglected, for six months consecutively, to pay the monthly contribution to the Society, and shall not, after due notification, come forward at the stated meeting next ensuing such notification, and pay up all arrears, said member shall be expelled from the Society, and shall forfeit all claims upon the same: Provided, always, that the foregoing clauses of this section shall not be construed to apply to any member at a distance from the city, having a traveling certificate, who may be permitted to run nine months in arrears; but if all arrears are not paid up at the next stated meeting, said member shall be expelled without any notice, and shall forfeit all claims on the Society.

SEC 5. Any member violating the pledge, forfeits all claims on the Society; nevertheless, he may be

received again at the option of the Board as a new member, subject to all the claims demanded of new members by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Society.

ARTICLE XVI.

Nomination of Candidates for the Board and for Officers.

SEC. 1. At a stated meeting of the Board, in January, the nomination of candidates for the Board, agreeably to the third Article of the Constitution, and also of candidates for the offices of President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Messenger, shall take place. The President shall, at the same meeting, appoint Tellers to conduct the election, which will take place during the month of February, and notify the Society of the time and place of holding such election.

ARTICLE XVII.

Elections.

SEC. 1. The annual election of twelve Managers, and also of a President, first and second Vice President, Secretary and Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Messenger, shall take place on the 2nd of February, the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Tellers shall give the President the returns of said election, and he shall declare the result of the same to the meeting. Should any member not present at the meeting, be elected to any office, the Secretary shall, within ten days after the election, notify him of the office to which he shall have been elected.

SEC. 2. When the Board of Managers enter upon office, they shall appoint the time and place for the election of Stewards. The Stewards shall serve for the time specified by the Board; and any Steward whose term of office will have expired, shall be always re-eligible to office, as often as he shall be willing to serve.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE BY-LAWS.

SEC. 1. All members of this Society shall attend the funerals of deceased members. They shall assemble at their usual place of holding meetings, one hour previous to the time of interment, from whence they shall proceed to the house of the deceased, wearing the badge of the Society, with the rosette covered with crape, and thence to the place of interment, in the following order :

1st.—President.

2nd.—Vice Presidents.

3rd.—Treasurer.

4th.—Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

5th.—Stewards.

6th.—Members two and two.

After interment, the Society shall return to its usual place of meeting, in marching order.

The above section is to be understood thus : All members of the Society, without exception, are obliged to march in procession to the corporation line, and to return in the same order ; but it shall be decided by the majority before starting, whether they shall proceed to the place of interment, when such place is outside the city limits or not. If it be decided to go, all are bound to obey ; if not, any individual can obtain permission from the President to accompany the funeral from the corporation line, as a private citizen—having, first, given up his scarf to one of the Marshals ; and the rest shall return according as directed in the above section.

SEC. 2. Any member who shall fail to attend a procession, or other turn-out of the Society, shall be fined as in case of failure to attend a funeral, except such persons as belong to a military company, and who may be on parade at the same time, and liable to a fine for non-attendance.

SEC. 3. When a member belongs to two societies, he shall be considered as privileged to accompany the first society he joined, in public procession ; but such member cannot be elected to any office in this Society, unless he renounces this privilege.

